



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration
Nashville District Office

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297 Plus Park Blvd.
Nashville, TN 37217

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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

WARNING LETTER-99-NSV-02

FACILITY ID# 198887

Jimm Bunch, C.E.O.
Jellico Community Hospital
Route 1, Box 197
Jellico, TN 37762

Dear Mr. Bunch:

Your facility was inspected on October 13, 1998 by a representative of the State of Tennessee, on contract to the Food and Drug Administration. This inspection revealed that your facility failed to comply with the Quality Standards for Mammography (Standards) as specified in Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 900.12, as follows:

Level 1

1. The radiologic technologist did not meet the requirement of being licensed by a State or board certified by any of the approved boards: [REDACTED]
2. The radiologic technologist did not meet the requirement of being licensed by a State or board certified by any of the approved boards: [REDACTED]

Level 2 Repeats

3. Processor QC: [REDACTED] percent of the data points for either medium density (MD), density difference (DD), or base plus fog (BF) were missing (month of December): [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Room ID= darkroom.

Level 2

4. The interpreting physician did not meet the continuing education requirements of having completed a minimum of 15 credits in mammography over a 3-year period (an average of 5 credits/year): [REDACTED]

5. The radiologic technologist did not meet the continuing education requirements of having completed a minimum of 15 credits in mammography over a 3- year period (an average of 5 credits/year): [REDACTED]

6. The radiologic technologist did not meet the continuing education requirements of having completed a minimum of 15 credits in mammography over a 3- year period (an average of 5 credits/year): [REDACTED]

Level 3 Repeat

7. The medical audit system did not have the potential to obtain all pathology.

These specific deficiencies appear on the List of Observations which was given to your facility at the close of your inspection. These deficiencies are symptomatic of serious problems that could compromise the quality of mammography at your facility and potentially overexpose both patients and employees involved with mammography.

It is your responsibility to ensure adherence to each requirement of the Mammography Quality Standards Act of 1992 (MQSA) and FDA's regulations. You are responsible for investigating and determining the cause of these deficiencies that the inspection identifies and to promptly initiate permanent corrective actions.

If you fail to properly address these deficiencies, FDA may, without further notice, initiate regulatory action. Under MQSA, FDA may:

- impose civil money penalties on a facility of up to \$10,000 for each failure to substantially comply with, or each day of failure to comply with the Standards.
- suspend or revoke a facility's FDA certificate for failure to comply with the Standards.
- seek an injunction in federal court to prohibit any mammography activity that constitutes a serious risk to human health.

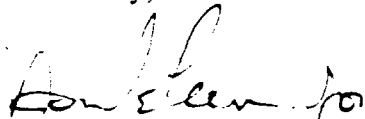
Within 15 working days after receiving this letter, you should notify FDA in writing of each step your facility is taking to prevent the recurrence of similar violations.

If your facility is unable to complete the corrective actions within 15 working days, you should state the reason for the delay and the time within which the correction will be completed.

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Your reply should be directed to Joseph E. Hayes, Compliance Officer, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, 297 Plus Park Boulevard, Nashville, Tennessee 37217, telephone 615/781-5389, extension 125. Any questions in regard to this letter or how to ensure you are meeting MQSA standards, please call Karen Smallwood, Radiation Specialist, at 615/781-5380, extension 144.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Raymond K. Hedblad", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Raymond K. Hedblad
Director, Nashville District

RKH/ks

cc: State of Tennessee, Nashville Office

Darlene Nalepa-Whitmill, Dept. of Env. and Consv., 2700 Middlebrook Pike, Suite 200
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